Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for receiving light for conversion to a video signal from a position proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing a display, the apparatus comprising:

a base mountable on a top side of a display;

an image receiving device that collects light; and

a bendable coupling having a proximal end coupled to the base and a distal end coupled to the image receiving device, the bendable coupling extending from the base in a longitudinal direction and further extending in a transverse direction such that upon mounting the base to the top side of the display the bendable coupling extends above the top side and adjacent a screen portion of the display the bendable coupling having a stiffness selected to support the distal end at a plurality of positions along and within a circumference of a generally hemispherical positioning zone, wherein the bendable coupling is deformable into a deployed disposition in which the distal end is positioned within a deployment zone beside the screen portion.

2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bendable coupling is further deformable into a retracted disposition in which the distal end is not positioned within the deployment zone.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a coherent fiber optic bundle connected to convey the light from the image receiving device to the base.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the image receiving device comprises a distal lens positioned to direct the light into the coherent fiber optic bundle.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the base comprises a camera that receives the light from the coherent fiber optic bundle and processes the light to provide the video signal.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:

a proximal lens positioned to direct the light from the coherent fiber optic bundle into the camera.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the image receiving device comprises a camera that processes the light to generate the video signal.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

electric wiring connected to convey the video signal from the camera to the base.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the image receiving device comprises a camera that processes the light to provide the video signal, the apparatus further comprising:

a wireless transmitter positioned at the distal end of the bendable coupling to receive the video signal from the camera and transmit the video signal.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the base comprises a wireless receiver that receives the video signal from the wireless transmitter.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bendable coupling is translucent.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base is coupled to the display.

13. (currently amended) An apparatus for receiving light for conversion to a video signal from a position proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing a display, the apparatus comprising:

a base mountable on a top side of the display;

a camera disposed within the base; ~~and~~

a coherent fiber optic bundle that conveys light from a distal end to a proximal end, wherein the distal end is positioned within a deployment zone beside a screen portion of the display and the proximal end is positioned to direct the light into the camera; and

a bendable coupling having a proximal end coupled to the base and a distal end that supports the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle the bendable

coupling extending from the base in a longitudinal direction and further extending in a transverse direction such that upon mounting the base to the top side of the display the bendable coupling extends above the top side and adjacent a screen portion of the display the bendable coupling deformable to move between a deployed disposition in which the distal end of the bendable coupling is positioned within the deployment zone, and a retracted disposition in which the distal end of the bendable coupling is not positioned within the deployment zone.

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

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19. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

a distal lens positioned to direct the light into the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle.

20. (original) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising:

a proximal lens positioned to direct the light from the proximal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle into the camera.

21. (currently amended) A method for receiving light for conversion to a video signal from a position proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing a display with an apparatus comprising a base, an image receiving device, and a bendable coupling having a proximal end coupled to the base and a distal end coupled to the image receiving device the bendable coupling extending from the base in a longitudinal direction and further extending in a transverse direction, the method comprising:

mounting the base on a top side of the display to thereby have the bendable coupling extend above the top side and adjacent a screen portion of the display;

bending the bendable coupling to position the image receiving device proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing the display;

orienting the image receiving device to receive light from along the eye-level;

receiving light through the image receiving device; and

processing the light to generate a video signal.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein bending the bendable coupling comprises moving the bendable coupling from a retracted disposition in which the distal end is not positioned within a deployment zone beside a screen portion of the display to a deployed disposition in which the distal end is positioned within the deployment zone.

23. (original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

conveying the light from the distal end to the proximal end via a coherent fiber optic bundle.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving the light comprises capturing the light via a distal lens positioned to direct the light into the coherent fiber optic bundle.

25. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the base comprises a camera that generates the video signal, the method further comprising:

conveying the light from the proximal end to the camera.

26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein conveying the light from the proximal end to the camera comprises positioning a proximal lens to direct the light from the coherent fiber optic bundle into the camera.

27. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the image receiving device comprises a camera that processes the light.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

conveying the video signal from the camera to the proximal end via electrical wiring extending from the camera to the proximal end.

29. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein the image receiving device comprises a camera that processes the light, the method further comprising:

wirelessly transmitting the video signal from the proximal end.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

wirelessly receiving the video signal in the base.

31. (original) The method of claim 21, further comprising permitting viewing of a screen portion of the display through the bendable coupling via translucency of the bendable coupling.

32. (original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

coupling the base to the display.

33. (currently amended) A method for receiving light for conversion to a video signal from a position proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing a display with an apparatus comprising a base, a camera disposed within the base, ~~and~~ a coherent fiber optic bundle that conveys light from a distal end to a proximal end, and a bendable coupling having a proximal end coupled to the base and a distal end coupled to the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle the bendable coupling extending from the base in a longitudinal direction and further extending in a transverse direction, the method comprising:

mounting the base on a top side of the display to thereby have the bendable coupling extend above the top side and adjacent a screen portion of the display;

bending the bendable coupling to position the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing the display;

orienting the distal end to receive light from along the eye-level;

receiving light in the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle from along an eye-level of a person viewing the display screen;

conveying the light through the coherent fiber optic bundle from the distal end to the proximal end; and

processing the light in the camera to generate a video signal.

34. (canceled)

35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) The method of claim [[35]] 33, wherein bending the bendable coupling comprises moving the bendable coupling from a retracted disposition in which the distal end is not positioned within the deployment zone to a deployed disposition in which the distal end is positioned within the deployment zone.

37. (currently amended) The method of claim [[35]] 33, further comprising:

coupling a base to the ~~proximal end of the bendable coupling and to the~~ display.

38. (canceled)

39. (original) The method of claim 33, further comprising:

positioning a distal lens to direct the light into the distal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle.

40. (original) The method of claim 39, further comprising:

positioning a proximal lens to direct the light from the proximal end of the coherent fiber optic bundle into the camera.

41. (currently amended) An apparatus for receiving light for conversion to a video signal from a position proximate to an eye-level of a person viewing a display, the apparatus comprising:

a base mountable on a top side of a display;

an image receiving means that collects light; and

a bendable coupling means having a proximal end coupled to the base and a distal end coupled to the image receiving means, the bendable coupling means extending from the base in a longitudinal direction and further extending in a transverse direction such that upon mounting the base to the top side of the display the bendable coupling means extends above the top side and adjacent a screen portion of the display the bendable coupling means having a stiffness selected to support the distal end at a plurality of positions along and within a circumference of a

generally hemispherical positioning zone, wherein the bendable coupling means is deformable into a deployed disposition in which the distal end is positioned within a deployment zone beside the screen portion.